

EMS Administrative Board Meeting
February 23, 2015 @ 1:30pm
Flathead Emergency Communications Center

Members Present

Wayne Miller, MD
Mae Stubbs (KRMCM)
Bob Kun
Chris Bogers (NVH)

Absent

Chuck Curry

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Dr. Miller at 1:30 pm.

Approval of Agenda

MOTION to approve agenda as received, Kun
SECOND, Miller; Approved

Approval of Minutes

MOTION to approve Minutes for November 17, 2014, Kun
SECOND, Miller; Approved

Citizen Comments – Kris Long asked the Board to get the User Advisory Committee's recommendation on the Smart 911 before the Board makes any decisions. Scott Miller seconded Kris's comment.

Smart 911 – Elizabeth Brooks the 911 Director was asked to speak to the Board about the Smart 911 system. The system is designed to help dispatch and the responders get information at the time the 911 call comes into dispatch. The users (public) subscribe to the system, at no cost to them, and enter important information about themselves and their families. Once the user calls 911 from a listed phone (could be a cell phone) dispatch is able to retrieve the information the user uploaded to the Smart 911 system. This information could be relayed to the EMS provider if necessary by dispatch. Brooks has received funding for 5 years from the 911 Charitable Foundation for this project and is looking for support from the EMS Board and EMS Agencies. Dr. Miller would like the User Advisory Committee to review the information and report back to the Board with a recommendation.

Board By-Laws – Brower reported that the current Board By-Laws need to be amended. Under Article III, membership, Members shall serve three year, staggered terms. This must to be changed to reflect that the two representatives from Kalispell Regional Medical Center and North Valley Hospital are appointed by their CEO's and are not termed positions. Dr. Miller asked if Granger and Brower could work with the County Attorney to facilitate this change.

Others Present

James Brower
Mary Granger
Ben Devall
Kris Long
Darla Katzenmeyer
John Thomson
Linda Chambers
Richard Briles MD
Scott Miller
Craig Williams
Ed Burlingame
Elizabeth Brooks

Medical Director Report – Dr. Briles reported that Mary and he are continuing with the Agency run reviews scheduling 3 per month. Dr. Briles has been dealing with issues of diversions between the hospitals but no big issues at this time.

EMS Manager Report – Granger reported the Medical Director Contract has been signed by all parties and contract requirements have been met. The EMT refresher has been completed serving 60 local agency responders. The EMT Courses has been completed, out of 15 students, 12 have tested and are licensed. The paramedic refreshers are complete and the office is working with the EMT's and AEMT's to complete their renewals.

We have scheduled training in June on Situational Awareness from a national speaker. The EMS Summit Conference in Coeur d'Alene is on May 7th, 8th and 9th, and the EMS Office will be offering scholarships for this conference. Granger reported that she has done one EMD class in Boulder, with another scheduled in Plentywood, MT for April.

Brower attended a training workshop and STEMI Conference in Bozeman on February 20th. The training supports Mission Lifeline/AHA's goal to reduce the Door to Balloon time in hospitals with cath labs. In Montana this time is longer time than the national average and they would like to improve these numbers. Along with the grant funding, Mission Lifeline agencies receiving monitors agree to help other agencies with training. Brower has been selected as one of the trainers for our area to help other agencies with the online and hands on training from AHA and Mission Lifeline. Brower reported to the Board that the one day conference had a lot of great information.

Granger has been working on an issue in Eureka with their EMS. Whitefish frequently responds to Eureka for EMS 911 calls, when ALERT is not available or appropriate. This puts a large strain on Flathead County resources so Granger will be contacting Mark Peck from Libby to discuss how we can assist in working on this issue.

Granger is happy to report that Bigfork Fire has scheduled a Paramedic almost 85%. The run cards have been changed to reflect this.

The County has participated 2 Ebola exercises, 1 dry patient and 1 wet patient. The goal was to see how the pre-hospital agency and hospital handled the exercise. All levels have found some issues with PPE and procedures. Plans are being devised to remedy the deficiencies. Dr. Miller asked about a concept where 1 or 2 agencies would be prepared, allowing the other agencies to not have to worry about transporting the infectious patient. Granger explained that those ideas were discussed and the agencies agreed it is the agency having jurisdiction that has the responsibility to transport the patients. All the training officers have been trained by the EMS Office and Kalispell Regional Medical Center and it is their responsibility to train their personnel. The Agency heads have the responsibility to make sure their agency is ready. Dr. Miller would like to see an outside reviewer audit the preparedness of the EMS agencies.

Granger stated that she is starting to work on the FY16 budget, and have completed the CIP worksheets.

Other Business/Future Agenda Requests – Board Elections

Board Member Comments –

Next meeting scheduled for March 16, 2015.

Meeting Adjourned 2:40pm

James Brower, Recorder